AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) to (d). No, Sir. However, a proposal for creation of a separate department of fisheries is already under the consideration of the Government.

Nutritional quality of Dairy Milk and Groundnut milk

1171. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent study conducted at M. S. University Baroda, addition of dairy milk and groundnut milk enhances the availability of iron from a standard meal whereas soyabean milk has no similar enhancing quality; and

(b) whether Government propose to review widespread use of soya milk in the country advocated by CFTRI, Mysore and used in products such as Chai-Sathi etc., marketed by NDDB and other brands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

1172. [*Transferred to the 11th May*, 1988].

Meeting of National Consumers Council

1173. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a meeting of the National Consumers Council was called by the Government on the 8th March, 1988.

(b) the total expenditure incurred on TA/DA and hiring of hall etc., for the said meeting and

(c) what is the outcome of the above meeting indciating the details of recommendations made and follow-up action taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BHITHA): (a) The meeting of the Central Consumer Protection Council constituted under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 was held on 28th April 1988 and not on 8th March, 1988.

(b) The total expenditure incurred on TA/DA to the non-official members of the Council hiring of hall, etc., was about Rs. 85,000/-.

(c) The Council which is an advisory body, discussed various aspects of consumer protection such as speedy implementation of the Conumer protection Act, 1986, measures for promoting a strong and broad-based voluntary consumer movement in the country role of women, youth, mass media etc. in the consumer movement. The Council urged speedy implementation of the Consumer Protection Act 1986 and recommended setting up a Committee to examine and recommend measures to create consumer awareness, particularly publicity aspects for promoting consumer movement. Central Government is already pursuing co-ordinating and monitoring the implementation of the Consumer Protection Act in the States/UTs. As suggested by the Council, it has been decided to set up a Committee to look into publicity aspects.

Increase in the Price of Free Sale Sugar

1174. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a request has recently been made by the Sugar Industry to allow increase in the price of free sale sugar by regulating monthly releases in view of the drop in recovery and the yawning gap between the statutory minimum cane price and the actual price paid by the mills to the farmers at the instance of State Governments; and

(b) if so, what is Government's response to the request?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of free sale sugar are already being maintained at reasonable levels by judicious regulation of monthly releases.

Capacity utilisation in Government of India Presses

1175. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what has been the percentage of capacity utilisation in each of the Government of India Presses in 1985, 1986 and 1987 and to what extent the total production would have been up, had there been full capacity utilisation; and

(b) what steps have been taken during the last two years for better capacity utilisation, stating the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) A statement indicating the percentage of Capacity Utilisation for the years 1985-86, 1986-87 and 1987-88 of each Govt. of India Press and the amount of additional production that would have been possible in case of full capacity utilisation is attached. [*See* Appendix, CXLVI, Annexure No. 49].

(b) The production in various presses is constantly monitored through Monthly Managerial Control Returns. A diagnostic analysis is made of the productivity trends and remedial measures taken to improve productivity. Constraints like inadequate paper supply, mechanical defects and lack of regular power supply hamper progress. Efforts are afoot to improve paper supply. A phased programme of replacement of outmoded machinery has been drawn up and in the first phase modernisation has been taken up at Government of India Presses, Minto Road, Nasik, Faridabad, Nilokheri, Koratty and Coimbatore. The outcome of these measures will be known only after the phased programme of replacement is completed and paper and power suply normalised.

Principal "Tea Tribes" in Assam

1176. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the principal migrating tribes known as "tea tribes" living in Assam; and

(b) what is the percentage of education and employment in Government services of these tea labourers (tribe) population in Assam?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUMATI ORAON): (a) The principal migrated tribes in tea-gardens of Assam are as follows:—

1. Gond
2. Ho
3. Kamar
4. Kandh
5. Kharia
6. Konda
7. Munda
8. Oaon, Orang
9. Pahari
10. Pan
11. Santal, Santhal
12. Sauria, Paharia